

2003

**WEED & SEED
NATIONAL POSTER CONTEST**

**Contest Rules
and
Entry Form**

2003 WEED AND SEED NATIONAL POSTER CONTEST

The Executive Office for Weed and Seed (EOWS) is sponsoring its

Fourth Weed and Seed National Poster Contest!

THEME: How Weed and Seed Has Changed My Neighborhood

EOWS is encouraging children in Weed and Seed sites to participate in the National Poster Contest. The contest promotes the goal of the Weed and Seed programs nationwide to encourage the talents of young people in Weed and Seed communities. The winning posters will be announced at the National Weed and Seed Conference “*Working Together Works*” in Albuquerque, NM, May 25-28, 2003.

To participate, each Weed and Seed site should hold its own contest, following the rules below. Winners from the local contests may then be entered in the National Poster Contest and judged by a panel in Washington, D.C.

ELIGIBILITY: All children residing in an Officially Recognized Weed and Seed neighborhood (i.e., a site which has an approved Weed and Seed strategy) and who are 18 years old or under. No child whose parents receive salary or funding from a Department of Justice Weed and Seed grant is eligible.

SUBMISSION DATE: Local contests should be completed in time to submit entries to EOWS [via Federal Express] by April 30, 2003.

CATEGORIES: A national winner will be chosen in each of the following categories.

- I. Kindergarten through Second
- II. Third through Fifth
- III. Sixth through Eighth Grade
- IV. Ninth through Twelfth Grade

SPECIFICATIONS: Poster entries **must** be submitted following the instructions below. Entries which fail to follow these specific instructions will result in disqualification.

- Entries must be submitted on **unfolded** 8-1/2- x 11-inch white paper.
- Entries should be created with colored pencils, crayons, or markers (***do NOT use chalk, charcoal, or watercolors***).
- Entries must not have other medium attached, such as pictures cut out of magazines, glitter, or stickers.
- Child's name or city must **not** appear on front of poster.
- Each entry must include the words ***Weed and Seed*** somewhere on **FRONT** of poster and must address the 2003 Weed and Seed theme.
- Each site (***regardless of the number of neighborhoods per site***) may submit no more than one entry per category for a total of four entries per site. A "site" is defined as a neighborhood or group of neighborhoods which submitted one application for Official Recognition or Weed and Seed funding.
- Each entry must be submitted with the **OFFICIAL WEED AND SEED NATIONAL POSTER CONTEST ENTRY** form, filled out and attached to the **BACK** of the posters with 2 pieces of invisible tape (copy attached).

THEME: The theme that must be depicted on each poster is: ***How Weed and Seed Has Changed My Neighborhood.***

WINNERS: Winning entries will be judged on originality, ability to depict the Weed and Seed theme, and attractiveness of artwork. Four national winners (one in each category) will be announced at the Weed and Seed National Conference to be held May 25-28, 2003, in Albuquerque, NM.

PRIZES: Each of the four 2003 national winners will receive a prize. Every national entry will receive a Certificate of Excellence.

LOCAL CONTESTS: Weed and Seed sites are free to devise local contests which best suit their sites, and sites may determine the type and number of prizes for local winners. However, the following rules **MUST** be incorporated into local contests:

1. In whatever way these contests are held, each site should end up with ONE winner in each of the FOUR categories (i.e., A site with three different neighborhoods may want to choose winners from all neighborhoods or from each school or Safe Haven; there is no limit to the number of local winners.) Only ONE submission per category per Weed and Seed site will be accepted. ***Submission of more than one entry per category will result in disqualification of all entries from that site.***
2. Local contests **MUST** be open to ALL Weed and Seed children, except for those children whose parents' salary is paid by or supplemented by a Department of Justice Weed and Seed grant.
3. Each poster must be completely the work of the entrant. However, sites may assist the children in creating ideas.
4. There must be NO cost to enter the local competition.
5. No local contest judge can be related to any of the contestants.
6. All submissions should be transmitted with a letter from the local United States Attorney's Office (e.g, LECC) certifying that the local contest has adhered to the rules above.

Submit (via FedEx) up to FOUR entries (one only per category)
by **Wednesday, April 30, 2003**
to:

**Executive Office for Weed and Seed
U. S. Department of Justice
810 Seventh Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20531**

ATTN: Louise Lucas

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CATEGORY _____

CONTESTANT'S NAME _____

AGE _____ GRADE _____

NAME OF SCHOOL _____

WEED AND SEED SITE _____

SITE COORDINATOR _____

Mailing Address _____

Telephone No. _____

Email Address _____

USAO/LECC _____

Telephone No. _____

Email Address _____

*(Each entry **MUST** have a copy of this official entry blank filled out and attached with 2 pieces of invisible tape to the BACK of the entry).*
